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1. FOLLOWING WIDELY PUBLICIZED NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEBATE ON BALUCHISTAN (BEING REPORTED SEPTTEL FROM ISLAMABAD) TWO ADDITIONAL PROVINCIAL MINISTERS, WERE SWORN IN BY GOVERNOR AHMED YAR KHAN IN QUETTA FEBRUARY 15 BRINGING CABINET STRENGTH TO SIX. EX-GOP MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE SARDAR GHAS BUX RAISANI, ELECTED TO BALUCHISTAN ASSEMBLY ON BALUCHISTAN UNITED FRONT TICKET IN 1970, AND PPP-SUPPORTING PROVINCIAL MPA MIAN SAIFULLAH PARACHA, ELECTED AS AN INDEPENDENT IN 1970 ELECTIONS, WERE TAKEN AS PROVINCIAL MINISTERS. RAISANI WAS DESIGNATED SENIOR MINISTER NEXT TO CHIEF MINISTER JAM SAHIB OF LAS BELA. CABINET NOW HAS FOUR MINISTERS--MAGSI, RAISANI, PARACHA AND CHIEF MINISTER--IDENTIFIED WITH PPP ORGANIZATION IN BALUCHISTAN. REMAINING TWO ARE JUI MEMBERS WHO OPTED OUT OF NAP-JUI COALITION.

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2. AT PRESS CONFERENCE PRIOR TO SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

GOP LAW MINISTER HAFIZ PIRZADA STATED THAT MINISTER FROM PATHAN AREAS OF PROVINCE WOULD BE TAKEN INTO CABINET IN A FEW DAYS. NEW MINISTER EXPECTED TO BE MPA MAHMOOD KHANON ACHAKZAI OF PASHTOONKHAWA NAP RECENTLLY ELECTED WITH PPP SUPPORT (REFTEL).

3. COMMENT: APPEARS THAT JAM SAHIB OF LAS BELA WON POINT BY RETAINING CHIEF MINISTERSHIP WHICH MANY THOUGHT WOULD GO TO RAISANI IN ANY CABINET SHIFTS. ON OTHER HAND, PROMINENT SPOKESMAN ROLE OF CENTRAL MINISTER PIRZADA, ONE OF WHOSE SUBSIDIARY PORTFOLIOS IS PROVINCIAL COORDINATION, SUGGESTS THAT SIGNALS FOR PROVINCIAL MANEUVERING STILL ORIGINATE IN RAWALPINDI NOT QUETTA AND JAM SAHIB STILL A FIGUREHEAD CHIEF MINISTER.

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